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Attachments: Improving Stormwater Program Monitoring Evaluation Tracking and Reporting - REVIEW DRAFT 9.13.18_gb.DOCX

David, Wes, and Bobby,

Congratulations on collecting and synthesizing a lot of information, not all of which was congruent, into a relatively* comprehensive and coherent report. I was not able to make the second day so I didn't comment on the recommendations. You'll see I have some real principled concerns with the terminology section. As I note in my comments, although those were the definitions we used in the workshop itself I would rather not see us using some of them in the report. However, to the extent the report is a record of the workshop, I understand there may not be a choice.

*Albeit maybe CA-centric

On your questions:

- 1. Did we accurately capture our deliberations, findings, and recommendations from the workshop? YES, FOR DAY ONE.
- 2. Did we miss anything critical that should be added or corrected? YES, FOR DAY ONE.
- 3. Are there other relevant resources/examples we should cite? CITY OF PORTLAND, OR, 2006;
- 4. Does the report provide specific enough findings and recommendations? If not, what can be done to make them more accurate and actionable? YES.
- What 1-2 followup actions would you most highly recommend to follow up on our workshop discussions to help build our collective capacity to do better with MS4 program monitoring and evaluation? RECOMMENDATION 3.1.1 DEVELOP A VISION (USING AN EXPANSIVE DEFINITION OF "MONITORING")

6. What 1-2 followup actions would you most highly recommend to improve how NPDES permits address monitoring, evaluation, tracking, and reporting? A MOCK PERMIT WRITING EXERCISE TAKING, TRANSLATING, AND INCORPORATING THE RECOMMENDATIONS INTO PERMIT DESIGN AND LANGUAGE.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in what I see as a needed and healthy exercise. I think EPA provided a valuable service to the stormwater program in conceiving, developing, and conducting this project.

Thank you! Geoff

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Subject: Stormwater Improvement Workshop #2 Report for your review

Greetings

As promised, attached is the draft report from our Spring workshop in Oakland where we discussed municipal stormwater monitoring, evaluation, tracking, and reporting issues and opportunities. As we are on a tight timeframe to issue the final report in early October, please provide any comments back to me and Bobby Jacobsen (address above) by September 24, 2018 (giving you an extra day-:^)). Comments and edits in track changes and comment field format please. My key questions for you are:

- 1. Did we accurately capture our deliberations, findings, and recommendations from the workshop?
- 2. Did we miss anything critical that should be added or corrected?
- 3. Are there other relevant resources/examples we should cite?
- 4. Does the report provide specific enough findings and recommendations? If not, what can be done to make them more accurate and actionable?
- 5. What 1-2 followup actions would you most highly recommend to follow up on our workshop discussions to help build our collective capacity to do better with MS4 program monitoring and evaluation?
- 6. What 1-2 followup actions would you most highly recommend to improve how NPDES permits address monitoring, evaluation, tracking, and reporting?

Note that we will complete more professional layout and copy editing when we are done with content.

I will be out of the office from 9/14 til 9/24. If you have questions about this, please contact Bobby Jacobsen at PG Environmental. I look forward to seeing your feedback upon my return from sunny NM and TX. Specific suggested language is always appreciated! Thanks very much for taking the time! Dave

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Greetings All

After some unanticipated "stop work", we are nearly ready to distribute for your very rapid review the draft report from our second Oakland workshop in which we focused on improving MS4 monitoring, evaluation, tracking and reporting. Thanks to you all, again, for your participation. We are on a very tight time line to get the final report out in early October. I will send out the draft report on September 13, 2018. We need to receive back any comments by September 23, 2018. We cannot consider late comments—my apologies in advance. We look forward to hearing your hopefully very specific comments and suggestions, including additional recommendations you believe we should make as an outgrowth from the workshop. I know this is a lot to ask—please at least give it a quick look and help us make it a bit better.

I am sending the 2nd workshop report to attendees at both workshops in case any of you folks who joined us last Fall are interested in what came out of the second workshop. You are welcome to review and comment if you wish.

We will be discussing both workshops and reports at the CASQA annual meeting in mid October at two invited sessions. Perhaps we will see some of you there.

Many thanks Dave

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